


CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope, with sufficient postage, addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on

3.30.04
Date of Deposit

Alejandro J. Fernandez, Reg. No. 52,886
Name of Applicant, Assignee or
Registered Representative


Signature

3.30.04
Date of Signature

Our Case No.: 10000/125

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Vihar C. Surti et al.

Serial No.: N/A

Filing Date: Herewith

For: PEDIATRIC ATRESIA MAGNETS

Examiner: N/A

Group Art Unit No.: N/A

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

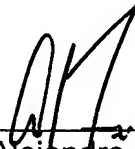
No.	Date	Name
US 2004/0034377 A1	February 19, 2004	Sharkawy et al.
3,986,493	October 19, 1976	Hendren, III
4,619,247	October 28, 1986	Inoue et al.
4,873,977	October 17, 1989	Avant et al.
4,978,323	December 18, 1990	Freedman
5,429,131	July 4, 1995	Scheinman et al.
5,681,260	October 28, 1997	Ueda et al.
5,690,656	November 25, 1997	Cope et al.
6,352,543	March 5, 2002	Cole

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,



Alejandro J. Fernandez
Registration No. 52,886
Attorney for Applicant(s)

BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE
P.O. Box 10395
Chicago, IL 60610
(312) 321-4200

FORM PTO-1449	SERIAL NO. N/A	CASE NO. 10000/125
LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	FILING DATE Herewith	GROUP ART UNIT N/A
(use several sheets if necessary)		APPLICANT(S): Vihar C. Surti et al.

REFERENCE DESIGNATION
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	US 2004/0034377 A1	February 19, 2004	Sharkawy et al.		
	A2	3,986,493	October 19, 1976	Hendren, III		
	A3	4,619,247	October 28, 1986	Inoue et al.		
	A4	4,873,977	October 17, 1989	Avant et al.		
	A5	4,978,323	December 18, 1990	Freedman		
	A6	5,429,131	July 4, 1995	Scheinman et al.		
	A7	5,681,260	October 28, 1997	Ueda et al.		
	A8	5,690,656	November 25, 1997	Cope et al.		
	A9	6,352,543	March 5, 2002	Cole		
	A10					
	A11					
	A12					
	A13					

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES OR NO
	A14					
	A15					
	A16					
	A17					
	A18					

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS <small>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.)</small>	
	A19	
	A20	
	A21	
	A22	
	A23	
	A24	

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
----------	-----------------

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.